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1. On 6 March 1949, the Central Committee of the Benetatos faction of E.S.P.E. (United Socialist States of Europe) held a meeting which was attended by the Deputy Leon Makkas.

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2. During the meeting Makkas stated that he is president of the Greek parliamentary group for a United Europe in which 236 Greek Deputies are participating. Those who collaborated with the Germans and Italians (such as Tourkavasilis) are excluded from participating in this group, as are those who collaborated with the dictatorship of Metaxas (e.g., Dimitratos). This parliamentary group has drawn up a draft constitution and other publications.

3. Makkas is also acting president of the group "Ellas-Europe". In this movement men are participating regardless of their ideological or political complexion, believing in the necessity of creating a United Europe. The persons participating are professors, scientists, representatives of various trade union and professional organizations, et cetera.

4. Makkas is also Vice-President of the European Parliamentary Union.

5. During the meeting Makkas proposed that a two-member committee be formed to get in touch with the two other organizations mentioned above in order to find a method of coordination and cooperation. This proposal was accepted.

6. Makkas also expressed his hope for combination, or at least cooperation, with the Merkouris faction of the United Socialist States of Europe. Makkas was asked to sound out the Merkouris faction, and particularly Professor Kalogeropoulos, as to what ground exists for reaching an understanding. It was stipulated, however, that S. Merkouris and G. Oikonomou should be excluded from participating in such a combination or cooperation.

7. During the meeting Makkas bitterly attacked the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs which, he said, has not understood the importance of the international movement for a United Europe or international psychology and international political and ideological currents. He cited as an example the fact that at the last meeting for a United Europe, which was held at The Hague, the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs sent as representatives Rodopoulos and Agis Tambakopoulos (Minister of Justice in the Metaxas

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dictatorship). During that meeting the two Greek representatives were coldly received and treated, and Rodopoulos told Makkas himself that the foreign representatives called the Greeks fascists to their faces.

8. Finally Makkas announced that he had received a letter from the Belgian LaRoque (representative of the committee of COMISCO). The letter contained a description of the poor impression made by the presence of the two Greek representatives in the meeting at The Hague. The letter stated also that the COMISCO has not only not yet recognized SK-ELD, but that it is questionable whether recognition will be given, particularly since SK-ELD continues the same tactics and does not clearly define its position regarding Communism.

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